

# Windows OEM products

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Hi,

Some time ago my local PC store posted an amendment on their website saying that due to MS wanting to persuade more people to go legal with their copies of Windows, they had relaxed the rules to allow OEM software such as Windows XP Pro to be purchased with ANY hardware such as a mouse. Indeed my friend has bought several copies when he has built PCs for people.

However I was talking to someone from another company who are MS Volume License partners (I'm doing my best to go legal, but struggling against the finance...) who said that MS has recently reversed this. 'Apparantly' it was a loophole in the EULA that allowed the purchase with any hardware, but the EULA has now been modified to close the loophole.

Can anyone confirm the current status – can you still / could you ever buy OEM Windows with a mouse?

Furthermore, if there happens to be anyone who knows about volume licensing; is one copy of OEM Windows XP Pro cheaper on a charity-price volume license such as Open than that same OEM Windows XP Pro bought in a shop, assuming I already have 5x licenses to qualify for the Open license. (We do qualify for charity pricing under the charity's act)

Thanks,

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